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(b) whether they will be pleased to place these reports in a consolidated form on the table of this House?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have not received the reports but have received from the Board of Revenue a summary of the reports. This [a] is placed on the table of the House.

Prisons and Prisoners

Supply of buttermilk to 'C' class prisoners.

* 631 Q.—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether orders have been passed in the matter of supply of buttermilk to 'C' class prisoners in jails;

(b) if so, what it is and whether a copy of it will be placed on the table; and

(c) how long this matter has been under the consideration of the Government?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 554.

(b) The answer to the first part of the question is that buttermilk cannot be made an article of diet to 'C' class prisoners, and the answer to the second part of the question is in the negative.

(c) The question was under the consideration of Government for some months.

Control of Vehicles

Authorization of District Superintendents of Police to issue 'G' permits to motor vehicles plying for hire.

* 632 Q.—Khan Sahib SYED TAJUDDIN SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have decided that in future District Superintendents of Police should be responsible for the grant of 'G' permits to motor vehicles plying for hire instead of the District Magistrates;

(b) whether a large number of bus-owners have protested against this proposal; and, if so, on what grounds; and

(c) whether it is a fact that at present District Magistrates, when leaving headquarters, authorize Additional District Magistrates or Treasury Deputy Collectors to issue the permits?

A.—(a) The Government are hoping to issue orders in this matter shortly.

(b) Several bus-owners, mostly belonging to the Tanjore district, have protested against the proposal for the following reasons:—

(1) that the present system is satisfactory;

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(2) that the proposed transfer would give too much power to the Police; and

(3) that there would be delay in the issue of 'G' permits with resultant financial loss to them.

(c) The Government have no information.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I ask the hon. the Home Member whether it is a fact that at the last Collectors' Conference, they prepared a certain scheme for regulating motor traffic and issuing licences and that the scheme has been in the Secretariat since then without any orders being passed on it?"

The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—"I must ask for notice of the question."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"Will the hon. the Home Member please consult the Bus Owners' Association, not only in the City but also in the mufassal, before the Government make such drastic changes?"

The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—"I cannot promise, but I shall consider the suggestion."

Proposals of the Government for the permanent retention of the posts of Inspectors of Motor Vehicles.

* 633 *Q.*—Khan Sahib SYED TAJUDDIN SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have decided to retain the posts of Inspectors of Motor Vehicles permanently;

(*b*) if so, what the cause is for the delay in giving effect to the decision of the Government; and

(*c*) whether they are to be in the grade of Inspectors of Police?

A.—(*a*) A final decision has not yet been taken in the matter.

(*b*) Certain details as a result of the reorganization of the staff are under consideration.

(*c*) It has been decided that Motor Vehicles Inspectors should in future form part of the Police Subordinate Service and that their pay should be the same as that of Inspectors of Police.

Education

Report of the Muslim Education Committee.

* 634 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the report of the Muslim Education Committee appointed by the Government was submitted;

(*b*) whether orders of the Government have been passed on all the recommendations made by the Committee;